

**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Average  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Excellent

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 38. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

### RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
<b>2001</b>	Average	Excellent
<b>2002</b>		
<b>2003</b>		
<b>2004</b>		

### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	53.1	62.1	65.0	59.2	63.0	64.6
• Passed 2 subtests	17.3	21.5	18.6	20.5	18.5	18.0
• Passed 1 subtest	14.8	9.6	11.8	12.4	11.8	10.7
• Passed no subtests	14.8	6.9	4.5	7.9	6.7	6.8

<b>ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	13.5%	15.7%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	13.5%	16.8%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	50.0%	44.1%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

### PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
<b>All students</b>	89.3%	13.5%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	58.3%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	91.0%	13.8%	
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	88.0%	8.7%	
Female	90.4%	18.0%	
<b>Ethnic Group</b>			
African American	85.2%	7.7%	
Hispanic	100.0%	0.0%	
White	100.0%	26.1%	
Other	100.0%	100.0%	
<b>Lunch Status</b>			
Free/reduced-price lunch	84.8%	9.0%	
Pay for lunch	93.4%	16.7%	

### STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	51.3%
Completers placed	95.8%
Eligible students enrolled	48.5%

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,788	N/A	\$5,546	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	89.1%	Up from 88.7%	89.5%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	24.6 to 1	N/A	24.6 to 1	25.1 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=1,222)</b>				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	34.0%	N/A	33.3%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	94.0%	Down from 94.1%	95.1%	95.3%
• Retention rate	18.9%	Up from 9.2%	10.7%	10.0%
<b>TEACHERS (n=75)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	6.6 Days	Down from 7.7	7.7 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	96.3%	Up from 96.1%	95.6%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	54.7%	Up from 53.5%	45.7%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	77.3%	Down from 84.0%	80.7%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	2.7%	Up from 0.0%	2.8%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	88.6%	Down from 90.8%	84.8%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$37,098	Up 3.7%	\$37,683	\$38,125

### SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dropout rate	3.9%	Down from 6.6%	3.6%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	57.2%	N/A	57.1%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	27.0	N/A	4.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	68.1%	N/A	59.7%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• Older than usual for grade	16.5%	Up from 15.0%	10.0%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	92	N/A	31	29
• Gifted and talented	9.1%	Down from 16.8%	7.0%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	10.3%	Up from 9.7%	11.7%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	4.8%	N/A	6.7%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	593	N/A	464	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	45.3%	N/A	31.4%	23.1%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Perhaps the 2000-2001 school year at Wilson High School evidenced all-round success in its curriculum more than any other in recent years. Excellence was achieved in academics and activities. The following achievements highlighted our year: Our "We The People" Constitution student group won the State competition and represented South Carolina in the National Competition in Washington, DC in April, 2001. Our Academic Team was undefeated in regular season matches, won the regional tournament at Francis Marion University and will compete in the National Competition at Marymount College. Our Varsity Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams and Varsity Baseball Team won their region championships and advanced to the State playoffs. Seniors were offered more than \$1.5 million dollars in scholarships. The first General Electric College Bound Students to graduate earned scholarship points worth \$35,000. Tiger Production, our school's showcase choir, performed at Carnegie Hall in April, 2001. One of our 11th grade students won first place in the statewide essay contest sponsored by the State Department of Education for African American History in February, 2001. Several of our Spanish and German students placed in the upper five percent of the scores on the National Examinations. Two seniors were named finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program and two in the National Achievement Scholarship Program. More than 50% of the diploma candidates in the International Baccalaureate Program will receive the IB Diploma. Too, the school-wide staff tutorial effort directed toward improving student performance on the State Exit Examination generated 233 of 244 seniors qualifying for the State High School Diploma, a 96% success rate: the highest ever!

Allie Brooks, Principal

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	79.1	67.8	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	92.1	79.9	
Satisfied with home-school relations	57.8	76.3	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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**Grades** 9-12 High School

**Enrollment:** 1,222 Students

### Principal

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## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

**2001**

School Grade:  
Excellent



### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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